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RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK AND REFORM OF THE AGENDA OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 48/87 of 16 December 1993 and bearing in mind the need to enhance the efficient functioning of the First Committee, decides that:

(a) As from the fifty-third session, the First Committee:

(i) Will make every effort to conduct and conclude its substantive work with the most efficient use of time in not less than thirty meetings;

(ii) Will conduct its work by combining the existing phases in the programme of work: "Structured discussion of specific subjects on the adopted thematic approach on disarmament and international security agenda items" and "Consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items", provided that sufficient time will be allowed for informal consultations and discussions on draft resolutions;

(b) The Chairman of the First Committee will conduct consultations with regard to the rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the Committee in all its aspects and report to the General Assembly at the beginning of its fifty-third session.

The General Assembly further decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee".

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